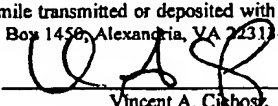


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TO CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT (IDS) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c)

Sir:

A petition under 37 CFR §1.313 requesting withdrawal from issue of the subject allowed application is being filed concurrent herewith. An informational COPY of this petition is appended hereto.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Continued examination of subject application to consider the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 is respectfully requested. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered and that the references be made of record in the continued examination proceeding and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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It is submitted that this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other COPY of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.313

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

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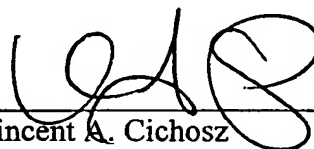
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